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TAGS: ETRD, EC

SUBJECT: TOBACCO CLASSIFICATION PROBLEM

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REF: (A) USEC 5464, (B) STATE 170348

1. WE FAIL TO UNDERSTAND EC CONCERNS OVER CLASSIFICATION OF U.S. FLUE-CURED AND BURLEY TOBACCO IN CATEGORIES SUBJECT TO 24:6 CONCESSION. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT EC ACCEPTS IMPORTER DECLARATION FOR DETERMINING VALUE OF TOBACCO SHIPMENT, AND THEREFORE WONDER WHY CLASSIFICATION CANNOT ALSO BE DETERMINED ON BASIS OF EXPORT DOCUMENTS AND IMPORTER CERTIFICATION.

2. U.S. DOES NOT PRESENTLY HAVE A CERTIFICATION SYSTEM AND WOULD FORSEE INSURMOUNTABLE PROBLEMS IN INSTITUTING SUCH A SYSTEM GIVEN THE PHYSICAL VOLUME OF TOBACCO SHIPMENTS TO THE EC AND THE TREMENDOUS PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS WHICH WOULD BE INVOLVED IN FOLLOWING THE TOBACCO FROM THE AUCTION FLOOR TO THE PORT OF EXIT.

3. WE RENEW OUR INVITATION (REF. B) TO JANSSENS OR OTHER EC OFFICIALS TO COME TO THE U.S. TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF TOBACCO CLASSIFICATION AND TO REVIEW U.S. INSPECTION TECHNIQUES FOR PROPER CLASSIFICATION OF IMPORTED TOBACCO FOR POSSIBLE USE BY MEMBER STATE CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES.

4. MISSION IS REQUESTED TO CONVEY THE ABOVE TO APPROPRIATE COMMISSION OFFICIALS, ALSO DRAWING AGAIN ON POINTS IN REFTEL B. SHOULD THE COMMISSION INDICATE THAT THEY PLAN TO REQUIRE AN IMPORT CERTIFICATE DESPITE THE FACT THAT WE CANNOT FOR PRACTICAL REASONS MEET SUCH A REQUIREMENT, MISSION SHOULD REPLY THAT THE INEVITABLE EFFECT OF SUCH A REQUIREMENT WOULD BE TO BAR U.S. TOBACCO EXPORTS TO THE EC IN CATEGORY 24.01A, THUS ELIMINATING THE BENEFIT TO THE U.S. OF THE CONCESSION NEGOTIATED IN THE 24:6 SETTLEMENT. KISSINGER

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